



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

2-312

DEA 43827

Miami, Florida
June 21, 1963

① Re: Intercontinental Penetration Forces
(Interpen)
Neutrality Matter

MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past four years, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 18, 1963, advised that Mike Morino, 5736 Northwest 113th Terrace, Hialeah, Florida, appears to be an American citizen who previously has sold arms to Cuban exiles in Miami, Florida. Morino reportedly is a friend of Frank Anthony Sturgis, who introduced him to members of the "Directorio Revolucionario Escudantil," an anti-Communist Cuban revolutionary organization. *cc file 201-242256*

MM T-1 explained that Sturgis is an American soldier of fortune and mercenary, is involved in Cuban revolutionary activities, and is considered untrustworthy.

The "Directorio Revolucionario Escudantil" bought some weapons from Morino, then complained he charges ten times the value of these guns.

MM T-1 said that Gerald Patrick Hemming, head of the Intercontinental Penetration Forces (Interpen), found out about Morino and that Morino maintains a quantity of weapons at his residence. Hemming is considering *cc file 201-242256*

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a plan to steal these guns from Morino, and at the present time is working out the details. Hemming made several calls to Morino's house, and was trying to arrange an appointment to meet Morino at the Trio Diner, 3632 Southwest 8th Street, on June 19, 1963, at 9:00 a.m. Hemming contacted Joe Garman, Steve Wilson, Roy Hargreaves, and [redacted] members of his organization, all of whom agreed to help him in his plans to rob Morino of arms.

NY T-1, on June 19th, 1963, advised that at 9:00 a.m. on that date, Hemming and [redacted] met Morino at the Trio Diner, and discussed the possibility of Hemming's buying arms from Morino. Morino took [redacted] out to his car and showed him some samples which Morino had in the trunk of his automobile. Morino then took [redacted] to a private residence at 2954 Southwest 16th Terrace, and showed him a 50 caliber machine gun which was for sale. Later, Hemming and several of his associates met Morino at Morino's residence in Hialeah, Florida, where they planned to rob him of his arms. Immediately thereafter, Morino's wife and children returned home unexpectedly, so Hemming postponed the robbery of Morino until a later time.

Hemming arranged to meet Morino the following morning, June 20, 1963, at the Trio Diner.

NY T-1 explained that Hemming was planning to meet Morino the following morning at the Trio Diner, then go to the residence at 2954 Southwest 16th Terrace with Morino, and forcibly take the arms Morino had at that residence. While Hemming's men detained Morino, Hemming would go to Morino's house and steal the remainder of the arms at that location.

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MA T-1, on June 20, 1962, advised that Roy Hargraves borrowed a station wagon, and Hemming arranged for a Cuban national in Miami, name unknown, to stand by and be available to drive this car to Morino's house to take away the weapons to be stolen by Hemming. Hemming also arranged for [redacted] Jr. to drive Hemming around in [redacted] car.

For this armed robbery, Hemming planned to use a Russian-made "Popacha" (phonetic) machine gun.

On June 19, 1962, Hargraves, Steve Wilson, [redacted] and Joe German met Morino at the Trio Diner at about 8:15 p.m. [redacted] and Morino departed from there in Morino's automobile and went to 3934 Southwest 18th Terrace, the residence of Carlos Zarraga. Hargraves, Wilson and German followed a short distance away in a station wagon. They all arrived at Zarraga's residence at about the same time. Hemming and [redacted] arrived later, in [redacted] car, and waited outside until German, from inside the house, gave the signal that all was clear. *- Cuba file*

Then, Hemming entered the house and found that [redacted] Wilson, Hargraves and German had drawn their guns on Morino, Zarraga, two other unidentified Cubans, and Zarraga's wife and children. Zarraga's first impression was that Hemming and his associates were policemen.

Thereafter, Hemming and [redacted] brought Zarraga and Morino into the garage and severely threatened them, while the other members of Hemming's group raided the house and took out uniforms, ammunition magazines, guns of miscellaneous types, and one complete .50 caliber machine gun.

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Hamming got in a discussion with Zarraga and the two other Cubans, and Zarraga claimed he was selling the guns for Morino and had nothing to do with Morino personally. Hamming then had a change of heart, decided to give all the guns and equipment back to Zarraga, and then ordered his men to unload the station wagon and bring all the materiel back into the house. Hamming's men then left with Morino, to go to Morino's house and steal the weapons there. During this entire time, Morino was under the guns of Hamming's men, who threatened to shoot him if he tried to escape or obtain help. Hamming stayed at Zarraga's house for about another half hour, talking about the general Cuban political situation. Then Hamming and [redacted] left and drove to Morino's residence, noting that there was nobody there. Hamming and [redacted] went back to Zarraga's house, and ascertained that Hamming's men had not returned there. They then went to Hargrave's house, and then to Hamming's residence, following which they returned to Morino's place. When they were still about four blocks from Morino's house, they were stopped by United States Customs Agents, searched, and then released.

Hamming and [redacted] then returned to Zarraga's house again, and found the house was being processed by Miami police officers and United States Customs Agents. Zarraga explained to Hamming that he had removed the .50 caliber machine gun before the police had arrived, but that the police had confiscated the small Russian machine gun given to him by Hamming. Hamming then found out that his men, along with Morino, had been arrested by United States Customs Agents.

Information, as it was received from MM T-1, was furnished to Mr. Wallace Shanley, Chief, Customs Port Investigators, Miami, Florida.

On June 20, 1963, Mr. Shanley advised that Roy Hargraves, 4170 Southwest 8th Street, Joseph Garman, 128 Southwest 3th Street, Justin Wilson and James Lewis, no known address,

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and Michael R. Morino, 5730 Northwest 113th Terrace, Hialeah, were arrested in the early morning hours of June 20, 1963 by United States Customs and charged with violation of the National Firearms Act, Title 26, Section 5861, for possession of automatic weapons. He explained that this matter will be prosecuted by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, inasmuch as the arms were not going to be exported.

On June 21, 1963, Mr. Shanley advised that the weapons seized by United States Customs on June 20, 1963, at 2954 Southwest 16th Terrace, consisted of the following:

- One .75 millimeter recoilless rifle
- One .37 millimeter anti-tank gun;
- One .20 millimeter cannon
- One .22 caliber rifle
- Three gun mounts
- 300 rounds of ammunition
- Two walkie-talkies and miscellaneous military equipment.

Mr. Shanley stated that the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit seized the 1963 Falcon station wagon, bearing 1963 Florida license 1-12571, and an M-3 sub-machine gun which was in this vehicle.

United States Customs confiscated the following arms which were in this same vehicle:

- Seven rifles
- One .20 millimeter gun mount
- Four walkie-talkies
- Four pistols
- Several hundred rounds of ammunition
- Miscellaneous military equipment.

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Mr. Shanley said that on June 20, 1963, all five were charged with violation of Title 26, Section 5041 of the United States Code, and a Commissioner's hearing was held. The men were being detained since they were unable to make \$1,000.00 bond.

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Miami, Florida
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① Re: Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz
Internal Security - Cuba
Neutrality Matter

MM T-1, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, on June 11, 1963, advised they had received information from a United States observer from a contact who spoke with Frank Fiorini, that on June 9, 1963, Marcos Diaz Lanz, subject's brother, invited Frank Fiorini to join a raid against Cuba, which was to take place on the weekend of June 15, 1963. Marcos said he would be using the Mopple boat owned by him and his brother, Pedro, and that the others going on the raid would be Carlos Garcia, 985 Southeast Second Place, Hialeah, and Salvador Garcia Oller, 331 East 18th Street, Hialeah.

Marcos said that his group had not only received the green light from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), but also its active assistance, and that some of the weapons, equipment and money the operation would be carrying to Cuba would be furnished by CIA. Marcos further stated that CIA was also providing twin .50 caliber machine guns for mounting on the Mopple, and ammunition for Pedro's .57 millimeter recoilless rifle.

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Re: Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz

MI T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz recently sold his 33 foot boat, but still has his 25 foot Vaggle boat in the Miami River, Miami, and that on June 14, 1963, Frank Fiorini said that now that Pedro has money from the sale of the boat, he is considering going on a mission to Cuba, and if and when he goes, it will be "sanctioned" by the United States Government.

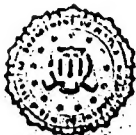
MI T-2 said that Diaz Lanz' 25 foot boat is still in the Miami River, and it is under observation by United States officials.

MI T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is closely associated with Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, on June 14, 1963, advised Diaz Lanz has made no mention of any present plans to leave Miami, Florida, on a mission, and did not appear to be preparing to leave. MI T-3 explained that he had known Frank Fiorini for a number of years, and Fiorini was considered by Diaz Lanz and him as being completely untrustworthy, unreliable, and an adventurer motivated by monetary gain. He doubted that the Diaz Lanz brothers would seriously confide in him.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Date: June 21, 1963
To: Deputy Commissioner
Division of Investigations and
Enforcement
Bureau of Customs
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
(1) Subject: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Reference is made to previous information furnished concerning the captioned organization.

On the evening of June 18, 1963, an informant who has furnished reliable information advised as follows:

One Richard Lockley (phonetic) of Collinsville, Illinois, driving a late model station wagon, was in Miami, Florida, with a load of miscellaneous automatic weapons some of which he had reportedly sold to the Second National Front of Escambray and Comandos L., anti-Castro organizations, and to Joe Garman of the captioned organization. Lockley has been taken around Miami by Frank Anthony Sturgis, also known as Frank Florini, and Gerald Patrick Hemming, American adventurers. *cc: pen file*

One Morino, an American residing in Mialeh, Florida, reportedly has a large quantity of arms in his home which he has tried to sell to Hemming. Hemming and about four other Interpen members planned to meet Morino on June 18, 1963, on the pretext of purchasing the arms and then rob him of the weapons. Morino, however, did not keep the appointment. Reportedly, an armed robbery of Morino's house was scheduled for June 19, 1963, by Hemming, Lockley and the four Interpen members. Lockley claimed he would bring along a machine gun which he would use if the police were encountered in this undertaking.

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Deputy Commissioner
Division of Investigations and
Enforcement
Bureau of Customs

The Bureau of Customs in Miami was furnished the foregoing information.

Inquiry by our Springfield, Illinois, Office indicates that the license on the station wagon being driven by Lockley was issued to Rich Albert Lauchli, 2010 Keebler Street, Collinsville, Illinois. Information available to our Springfield Office indicates that Lauchli is a gun collector who has previously been investigated by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division for illegal possession of automatic weapons. Lauchli was convicted in connection with the theft of twenty-three rocket launchers from the Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, Indiana, in March, 1959. In 1959 Lauchli made an unsuccessful attempt to organize an internal security force which would serve as a last ditch resistance in the event of an enemy invasion of the United States. In 1961 and 1962 Lauchli was active as Regional Director of the "Minutemen," an anticommunist guerrilla warfare movement in the United States. Lauchli was arrested by local authorities near Collinsville, Illinois, in October, 1961, for the illegal possession of automatic weapons during a "Minutemen" training session. Lauchli was born January 23, 1926, in St. Louis, Missouri, and served as a paratrooper in United States Army from March 17, 1945, to October 9, 1946.

On June 20, 1963, Customs in Miami advised that arrests had been made in this matter and that weapons were confiscated. Roy Hargraves, Joe Gorman, Mike Morino, one Wilson and another individual were among those arrested. Henning was not in the area when the arrests were made and Customs contemplates no action against him.

Any additional pertinent information received in this matter will be made available to the recipients.

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